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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS CHINESE CONVERSATION AND CULTURE CLASS
Learn Chinese Language and Culture During the Lunch Hour

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in collaboration with the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, presents **Chinese Language Conversation & Culture Classes** on February 14 and 28, 2013 at 12:15 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Classes will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month through May and are free and open to the public.

This informal conversation class is being offered in response to the growing interest in all things Chinese due to China's unprecedented economic achievements. Led by seasoned instructor Daisy Su, the meetings are open to even those with no prior knowledge of Mandarin and present a wonderful opportunity for immersion in Chinese culture. Some of the later classes in the series will meet at the Ecoverse Jing Si Books and Café, located at 304 11th Avenue in the East Village.

Founded in 1966 by Buddhist nun and Dharma Master Cheng Yen, the Tzu Chi Foundation is an international humanitarian organization and the largest non-governmental organization in the Chinese-speaking world with members and chapters in 47 countries. Tzu Chi's official motto and concept is the (四大志業,八大腳印), which means, "Four endeavors, eight footprints." The eight footprints are charity, education, medical contributions, humanities, international disaster assistance, bone-marrow donation, community volunteerism, and recycling. For more on Tzu Chi, please visit: http://www.us.tzuchi.org/us/en/.

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